Inhuman behaviour of RPF Personnel

1833. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item "RPF men push boy out of train" published in the Indian Express dated the 8th January, 2003;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what action has been taken against the erring RPF personnel?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) On 6.1.2003 at about 19.10 hrs. when train No. 166 Hyderabad-Warangal passenger stopped at Cheiiapalli Railway Station, one boy aged about 15 years unauthorisedly hawking in the train got down from one of the coaches to board the other coach. When the RPF staff on duty tried to apprehend the boy for unauthorised hawking, he rushed to board the running train. Despite the warnings from RPF staff not to board the running train, the boy attempted to board the train and he lost his balance and fell in between the platform and moving train.

(c) Two RPF staff have been placed under suspension for not taking adequate precautions to apprehend the boy. In this connection, a case was registered by GRPs/Secunderabad *videCr.* No.7/2003 U/S 338 IPC against RPF staff. Later on, when the boy succumbed to his injuries in the hospital on the same night, the police has converted FIR from Section 338 IPC to 304 (a) IPC.

Purchase of diesel locomotives from General Motors

1834. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether new diesel locomotives were purchased from General Motors of US alongwith technology transfer at a cost of Rs. 1100 crores for use on Pune-Guntakal-Renigunta route;

(b) whether after the purchase, the proposal for electrification of